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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINNION		10-2-1999
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	**3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY**	**3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE**
Daily except Sundays, New Year's Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas	309	$97.80 Watertown $89.00 Mail

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION *(Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)*

120 3rd Avenue N.W., Watertown, SD, Codington County 57201

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER *(Not printer)*

(Same as above)

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:

Steven W. Lowrie, 982 South Lake Drive, Watertown, SD 57201

7. OWNER *(If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.*

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Watertown Public Opinion Co.	PO Box 10, Watertown, SD 57201

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8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS. MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES *(If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form)*

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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION *(See instructions on reverse side)*	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE D PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUE NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES *(Net Press Run)*	14,903	14,492
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	10,049	9,962
2. Mail Subscription *(Paid and or requested)*	3,862	3,681
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION *(Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)*	13,911	13,643
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	17	15
SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY, AND OTHER FREE COPIES	156	132
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION *(Sum of C and D)*	14,084	13,790
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	562	445
2. Return from News Agents	257	257
G. TOTAL *(Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)*	14,903	14,492

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

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State of South Dakota)
: ss
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